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Dear Helen:

I was so pleased to get your letter of April 3rd indicating the initiative of the society for nominating Norton Zinder for the National Medal of Science.

Of course, I regard it as a privilege to respond to that initiative: you can understand why I would have been bashful about taking a more active role initially in pressing for recognition of an able scientist and colleague who was also my first graduate student! This step having been taken quite objectively, I will, of course, be delighted to take responsibility for the supporting material that would be needed by your committee.

You will hear from me shortly with a more tangible fulfillment. It is a timely and wonderful idea and I hope that it can be successful in securing for Dr. Zinder the level of recognition that he so eminently deserves.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg